

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

On page 1, please insert, after the title and before paragraph [0001], the following paragraph:

[0000] This application claims priority to PCT Application No. PCT/EP2004/010486 filed September 17, 2004, which claims the benefit of German Application No. 103 43 529.8 filed September 19, 2003, both of which are hereby incorporated herein by reference.

On page 1, please replace paragraph 0002 with the following marked up paragraph:

[0002] Such a device with a plurality of different coloured lighting or illuminating devices for the optical display of the information to be transmitted and where each illuminating or lighting device has at least one illuminating or lighting element is described in DE 202 17 773 U1 and the related co-owned and co-pending U.S. Patent Application No. 10/535019, which was filed on May 12, 2005 and is hereby incorporated herein by reference. To permit the visibility of display devices from virtually all spatial directions, it makes use of a casing for receiving an electrical switching device or sensor, in which each lighting device has a plurality of lighting elements, which are so arranged facing one another on the casing that at least one lighting element of each display device is visible from virtually any viewing direction.

On page 2, please replace paragraph 0010 with the following marked up paragraph:

[0010] According to the invention this object is achieved by ~~the device having the features of claim 1~~ a device for the optical display of n switching states of a switching device or sensor with a plurality of different coloured lighting devices for the optical display of the information to be transmitted, each lighting device having at least one lighting element, characterized in that a transparent casing part is

provided for receiving the lighting elements, that for avoiding optical crosstalk, particularly in the case of simultaneously active lighting elements, the transparent casing part is subdivided by optical interfaces into segments in which the lighting elements are received and that the transparent casing part with the segments and lighting devices is so constructed and positioned that the lighting devices are visible by a user from each azimuth angle within a polar angle range.